

**FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE  
(SECOND SESSION)**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2024**

*No. 145*

**12 noon**

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr Seah Kian Peng (Marine Parade)).  
Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).  
Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport.  
Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Education.  
Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).  
Ms USHA CHANDRADAS (Nominated Member).  
Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Finance.  
Mr EDWARD CHIA BING HUI (Holland-Bukit Timah).  
Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).  
Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).  
Mr KEITH CHUA (Nominated Member).  
Mr CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang).  
Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).  
Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah), Deputy Speaker.  
Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).  
Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry.  
Ms GAN SIOW HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower.  
Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).  
Mr GERALD GIAM YEAN SONG (Aljunied).  
Mr DERRICK GOH (Nee Soon).  
Ms HE TING RU (Sengkang).  
Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Jalan Besar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.  
Mr SHAWN HUANG WEI ZHONG (Jurong), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Finance.  
Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance, Second Minister for National Development and Leader of the House.  
Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Health and Government Whip.  
Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport.  
Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Kebun Baru).  
Mr DESMOND LEE (West Coast), Minister for National Development and Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration.  
Mr MARK LEE (Nominated Member).  
Mr LEONG MUN WAI (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang).  
Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten).  
Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang).  
Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).  
Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).  
Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for Social and Family Development,  
Second Minister for Health and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.  
Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second  
Minister for Education and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.  
Mr MOHD FAHMI BIN ALIMAN (Marine Parade).  
Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).  
Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Minister of State, Ministry of Home  
Affairs and Ministry of National Development.  
Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok), Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Transport.  
Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.  
Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).  
Ms NG LING LING (Ang Mo Kio).  
Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).  
Mr ONG HUA HAN (Nominated Member).  
Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Health.  
Mr NEIL PAREKH NIMIL RAJNIKANT (Nominated Member).  
Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).  
Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).  
Ms HAZEL POA (Non-Constituency Member).  
Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang).  
Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied), Leader of the Opposition.  
Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong), Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and  
Information and Ministry of Health.  
Assoc Prof RAZWANA BEGUM ABDUL RAHIM (Nominated Member).  
Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).  
Ms SEE JINLI JEAN (Nominated Member).  
Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law.  
Mr SHARAEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Punggol).  
Mr SITOY YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).  
Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee).  
Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol West), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of  
Social and Family Development.  
Dr SYED HARUN ALHABSYI (Nominated Member).  
Mr ALVIN TAN (Tanjong Pagar), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and  
Ministry of Trade and Industry.  
Ms CARRIE TAN (Nee Soon).  
Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Hougang).  
Mr DESMOND TAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.  
Dr TAN SEE LENG (Marine Parade), Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and  
Industry.  
Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast), Deputy Speaker.  
Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer).

Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security.

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Digital Development and Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

Mr RAJ JOSHUA THOMAS (Nominated Member).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law.

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Dr WAN RIZAL (Jalan Besar).

Mr DON WEE (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Ms YEO WAN LING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr YIP HON WENG (Yio Chu Kang).

Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Radin Mas).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Leader of the House.

Mr ZHULKARNAIN ABDUL RAHIM (Chua Chu Kang).

#### ABSENT:

Mr ERIC CHUA (Tanjong Pagar) Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.

Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (East Coast), Deputy Prime Minister.

Dr KOH POH KOON (Tampines), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Manpower and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment.

Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Senior Minister.

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang).

Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio).

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Development and Deputy Government Whip.

Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of National Development.

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

Mr XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong).

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- 1 Papers presented to Parliament and received by the Clerk of Parliament pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Presentation of Papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:
  - 1.1 Fees (Winding up and Dissolution of Companies and Other Bodies) (Amendment) Order 2024 – Presented on 17 October 2024 (S. L. 1228 of 2024)
  - 1.2 Fees (Refund of Unclaimed Surplus) (Revocation) Order 2024 – Presented on 17 October 2024 (S. L. 1229 of 2024)
  - 1.3 Electric Vehicles Charging (Specified Autonomous Motor Vehicles – Exemption) Order 2024 – Presented on 17 October 2024 (S. L. 1230 of 2024)
  - 1.4 Electric Vehicles Charging (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2024 – Presented on 17 October 2024 (S. L. 1231 of 2024)
  - 1.5 Electric Vehicles Charging (Electric Vehicle Chargers) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 17 October 2024 (S. L. 1232 of 2024)
  - 1.6 Legal Aid and Advice (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 21 October 2024 (S. L. 1233 of 2024)
  - 1.7 Road Traffic (Renewal of Certificates of Entitlement for Specified Taxis) (No. 4) Rules 2024 – Presented on 24 October 2024 (S. L. 1234 of 2024)
  - 1.8 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 25/2024] – Presented on 28 October 2024 (Pres. Co. 139 of 2024)
  - 1.9 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Bill [Bill No. 28/2024] – Presented on 28 October 2024 (Pres. Co. 140 of 2024)
  - 1.10 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 31/2024] – Presented on 28 October 2024 (Pres. Co. 141 of 2024)
  - 1.11 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Elections (Integrity of Online Advertising) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 29/2024] – Presented on 28 October 2024 (Pres. Co. 142 of 2024)
  - 1.12 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Insurance (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 40/2024] – Presented on 28 October 2024 (Pres. Co. 143 of 2024)
  - 1.13 CareShield Life and Long-Term Care (ElderShield Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 29 October 2024 (S. L. 1235 of 2024)
  - 1.14 Fourth Report of the Estimates Committee – Presented on 4 November 2024 (Parl. 21 of 2024)
  - 1.15 Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 7 November 2024 (S. L. 1236 of 2024)
  - 1.16 State Lands Protection (Composition of Offences) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 7 November 2024 (S. L. 1237 of 2024)

- 1.17 Platform Workers (Composition of Offences) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 7 November 2024 (S. L. 1238 of 2024)
- 1.18 Platform Workers (Platform Work Associations) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 7 November 2024 (S. L. 1239 of 2024)
- 1.19 Singapore Armed Forces (Pensions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 8 November 2024 (S. L. 1240 of 2024)
- 1.20 Singapore Armed Forces (Saver Plan) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 8 November 2024 (S. L. 1241 of 2024)
- 1.21 Singapore Armed Forces (Premium Plan) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 8 November 2024 (S. L. 1242 of 2024)
- 1.22 Singapore Armed Forces (Military Domain Experts Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 8 November 2024 (S. L. 1243 of 2024)
- 2 16 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018" – presented by the Minister of State (Mr Murali Pillai), on behalf of the Minister for Law; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 45/2024].
- 4 Electronic Gazette and Legislation Bill – "to amend certain Acts to provide for an authoritative electronic Gazette and authoritative electronic versions of revised editions of legislation, to abolish the use of the Gazette as an instrument of appointment, and for related purposes" – presented by the Minister of State (Ms Rahayu Mahzam), on behalf of the Minister for Digital Development and Information; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 47/2024].
- 5 Customs (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Customs Act 1960" – presented by the Second Minister for Finance (Mr Chee Hong Tat); read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 48/2024].
- 6 Communicable Diseases Agency Bill – "to establish the Communicable Diseases Agency and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister of State (Ms Rahayu Mahzam), on behalf of the Minister for Health; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 46/2024].
- 7 Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – "to amend the Road Traffic Act 1961 and the Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks and Compensation) Act 1960, and to repeal the School Crossing Patrols Act 1955" – presented by the Minister of State (Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 44/2024].
- 8 Protection from Scams Bill – "to protect persons from scams conducted remotely by empowering specified officers to issue restriction orders to banks in Singapore prohibiting certain bank transactions and the grant and use of credit facilities temporarily" – presented by the Minister of State (Ms Sun Xueling), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 43/2024].

- 9 Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Minister of State (Mr Alvin Tan), on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 10 Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) and Other Matters Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Minister of State (Mr Murali Pillai), on behalf of the Minister for Law).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 27 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 11 MediShield Life Scheme (Amendment) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Minister of State (Ms Rahayu Mahzam), on behalf of the Minister for Health).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 12 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 12 Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Mr Baey Yam Keng), on behalf of the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 12 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 13 Sewerage and Drainage (Amendment) Bill – (Senior Minister of State (Dr Amy Khor Lean Suan), on behalf of the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.

- 14 Exempted Business – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the business set down on the Order Paper for today be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order No. 2."

- 15 Sewerage and Drainage (Amendment) Bill – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

Question put and agreed to. Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Minister for Sustainability and the Environment).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 45 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 16 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.

On Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn.".

Adjourned at 7.51 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,  
*Speaker*

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### MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 2(3)(a), Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.00 am on Tuesday, 12 November 2024.

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